

**Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi's Statement
on the Murder of Four Oakland Police Officers**

OAKLAND – Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi, who is in attendance at tonight's memorial vigil, issued the following statement on the tragic slaying of Oakland police officers Mark Dunakin, John Hege, Ervin Romans and Daniel Sakai:

"There is a mixture of sadness, anger and frustration at this vigil. The murder of four dedicated Oakland Police officers has cast a pall over this city and beyond. There is anger among the men and women of the many of the police forces represented here. The good people of the city of Oakland are fed up with violence. We should all agree that this tragedy should have never happened, but tonight is not the night to spell out solutions. Tonight we reserve for prayer, solace and a commitment to aggressively deal with these acts of murder and violence on our citizens and our police. My thoughts and prayers tonight are with the officers' families who have been left behind to deal with tremendous pain and grief."